

THE STATE OF TEXAS * GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COUNTY OF KENEDY * OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 19th day of August, 2015, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom in Sarita, Texas.

Directors present:

Chuck Burns, President
Homero Vera, Vice-President
Dave Delaney, Secretary
Craig Weiland, Member
Danny Butler, Member

Also present:

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Andy Garza, General Manager
Victoria Burns
Louie Pena, Duval County GCD

Absent:

None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of July 15, 2015, Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns presented to the Board the minutes of the July 15, 2015, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the July 15, 2015, regular meeting minutes be approved with one correction to item #8.

4. Receive General Manager's Activity Report and Act, If Necessary, Regarding:

- a. Communications
- b. Well registrations

- c. Water level measurements for Summer, 2015
- d. Water Chemistry results for Summer, 2015
- e. TAGD water summit, August 25-27, 2015
- f. GMA-16 activities
- g. Office building update
- h. Bottled water National Night Out block party
- i. News articles

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. Communications: Andy Garza reported that he had communicated with Luke Womack and Louie Longoria regarding the District audit; Robert Cenci, Nueces Appraisal District, regarding 2015 certified values; Bill Green, City of Corpus Christi, regarding extent of District boundaries in Nueces County; and Bob Bethel, Hacienda Campo Alegre manager, regarding a copy of the District rules and by-laws.
- b. Well registrations: Garza reported that King Ranch and ECR-LPR had submitted paperwork for replacement wells.
- c. Water level measurements for Summer, 2015: Garza reported on the water level measurements taken in July, 2015. Garza reported that most wells have been measured 9 times since the Summer, 2011. Garza provided additional information on wells that have been monitored by the TWDB since the late 1960's.
- d. Water chemistry results for Summer, 2015: Garza provided the Directors with water chemistry results from 13 wells that were monitored in July, 2015.
- e. TAGD water summit, August 25-27, 2015: Garza informed the Directors that he would be attending the water summit in San Marcos, Texas. A copy of the summit agenda was shared with the Directors.
- f. GMA-16 activities: Garza reported that the meeting planned for August 18, 2015 had been cancelled. Garza reviewed a letter from the TWDB showing the timelines that will be followed by GMAs that are currently revising the desired future condition (DFC).
- g. Office building update: Garza reported that the contractor expects to complete the renovation of the old Sheriff's Office by September 15, 2015.
- h. Bottled Water for National Night Out Block Party: Garza reminded the Directors that the District had provided bottled water during last year's block party. Garza recommended that the District do likewise this year. Cost should not exceed \$40.
 Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to authorize the General Manager to purchase bottled water for the Sarita block party.
- i. News articles: Various news articles were provided to the Directors.

5. Discuss & Act on Proposed Contract from Mary Sahs to Review Legislation and Make Revisions to District Rules

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal informed the Directors regarding Mary Sahs' proposal to review legislation passed by the 84th Legislature and to make revisions to District's rules at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to retain Mary Sahs to review legislation passed by the 84th Texas Legislature and make revisions to the current District rules at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.

6. Receive Audit Report from Luke Womack and Act, If Necessary

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that Luke Womack would not be attending today's meeting. Villarreal provided the Directors with a copy of the 2014 audit and reviewed its contents. The auditor recommended that the District enter into an approved Depository Contract with a banking institution; however, Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the District already had a Depository Contract and that he would provide a copy thereof to Luke Womack.

This being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

7. Receive Report from Hidalgo Appraisal District Regarding Acreage Added to Tax Roll

Leo Villarreal reported that all acreage in Hidalgo County annexed by the Kenedy County GCD had been added to the tax roll and that the delinquent tax statements had been sent to the respective Hidalgo County landowners.

This being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

8. Conduct 2016 Budget and 2015 Tax Rate Workshop

Chuck Burns called the 2016 proposed budget and 2015 proposed tax rate workshop to order.

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza presented the 2015 certified property tax values to the Directors. The total 2015 certified taxable value is \$1,498,123,987 compared to the 2014 certified taxable value of \$1,303,325,049. Andy Garza informed the Directors that the 2015 certified taxable value of \$1,498,123,987 would generate \$229,213 of revenue at the tax rate of \$.0153 per hundred valuation.

This being a workshop only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

9. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2016 Budget and Publish Hearing as Required by Law

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza provided the Directors with the current 2015 budget and the remaining balances for each of the line items. There is approximately \$83,612 of unexpended funds in the current budget.

Villarreal and Garza presented the Directors with the proposed 2016 budget and compared it to the 2015 budget. The total for the proposed 2016 budget will be \$229,313. Due to the 2015 tax rate generating more revenue in 2016, extra funds were added to the following 2016 Budget line items: Legal, Contingency and Well Monitoring. It was noted that the proposed 2016 budget will allow the District to recover the \$22,000 expense that was incurred to cover the renovation of the Appraisal District office building. It was further noted that the District is required to publish a notice and hold a public hearing on the proposed 2016 budget.

Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to accept the proposed 2016 budget of \$229.313 as presented and to publish the required Public Hearing notice on the 2016 proposed budget.

10. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2015 Tax Rate and Publish Hearing as Required by Law

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza recommended to the Directors that the current tax rate of \$0.0153 per \$100 of valuations remain for 2015. The Directors discussed changing the tax rate; however, the consensus was that the 2015 tax rate should remain at \$0.0153 per \$100 valuation.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the proposed 2015 tax rate be \$0.0153 per \$100 of valuations and to publish the required Public Hearing notice on the proposed 2015 tax rate.

11. Discuss & Act on Setting Date in September, 2015 for Public Hearing on 2016 Budget and 2015 Tax Rate

Chuck Burns informed the Directors that a meeting date needed to be set for the required 2016 budget and 2015 tax rate Public Hearings on September 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Kenedy County Courthouse, 105th District Courtroom, Sarita, Texas.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to hold the required Public Hearings on September 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Kenedy County Courthouse, 105th District Courtroom, Sarita, Texas.

12. Discuss & Act on Renewal of Public Entity Liability Coverage and Authorize Signature of Application

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the Public Entity Liability insurance needed to be renewed. Villarreal recommended that he be authorized to sign the renewal application.

Dave Delaney moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Leo Villarreal is authorized to sign the Public Entity Liability renewal application.

13. Discuss & Act on Date for Special Board Meeting to Certify 2015 Tax Roll

Chuck Burns informed the Directors that a date needed to be set for a special meeting to certify the 2015 tax roll. Andy Garza recommended that the special meeting be held at the Sheriff's Substation in Norias, Texas.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that a special meeting to certify the 2015 tax roll on be held September 21, 2015, at the Sheriff's Substation in Norias, Texas.

14. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns informed the Directors that a date needed to be set for the next regular board meeting to coincide with the Public Hearing for the 2016 budget and the 2015 tax rate.

Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to hold the next regular board meeting on September 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in Sarita, Texas.

15. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills

Chuck Burns presented the bills to the Directors for consideration and payment.

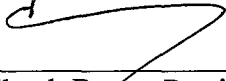
Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to pay the bills as presented.

16. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President